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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2 September 1999, please amend the above application as follows:

Claims:

✓ Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 61 to 80, as follows.

61. In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

- a. a blocking means to block said firing element; and
b. a connecting means which connects said blocking means to said trigger;

characterized in that one of the means performs an additional function.

62. The passive safety mechanism of claim 61 wherein said connecting means connects said trigger to said triggerbar.